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For : CHEMOSENSORY GENE FAMILY ENCODING GUSTATORY  
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Sir:

**COMMUNICATION ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION AND PETITION FOR A FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Communication is submitted to address the issues raised in the November 25, 2005 Final Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on May 25, 2006 and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 31, 2006, making the deadline for filing an Appeal Brief July 31, 2006. Applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time. The fee for a five-month extension is \$1080.00 for a small entity, and a check including that amount is enclosed herewith. With a five-month extension, an Appeal Brief is due December 31, 2006. However, because December 31, 2006 falls on a Sunday, Monday, January 1, 2007 was a federal holiday, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office was closed on Tuesday, January 2, 2007 in observance of the death of former President Gerald Ford, an Appeal Brief filed the next business day, i.e., Wednesday, January 3,

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